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*She:* WHY IN THE WORLD DOES HE CALL HIS FEET POETIC?
*He:* BECAUSE THEY GO TO MEET HER, YOU KNOW.

## ON A BOSTON MAID.

HER name was Ethel Perkins,
Not "Minerva Beaconstreet;"
She was plump and pink and dimpled,
And frivolous and sweet;
No gleaming gold-rimmed glasses
Bestrode her pretty nose,
And her fluffy golden hair was banged,
And Redfern made her clothes.

I talked of Holmes and Schiller,
Whom she didn't seem to know,
I spoke of Robert Browning
And his tangled verbal flow;
I mentioned Buddha, Heine, Keats,
In a careless sort of way,
And she listened most politely,
But murmured, "Who are they?"

I bought seats for an Ibsen matinee,
She frowned—"Oh, what a shame!
"Why didn't you get tickets
"For the Yale and Harvard game?"
I took her out to lunch one day,
And ordered beans for two;
She turned her little nose aloft
And asked for oyster stew.

Alas! Alas! My Boston maid,
Thy ideal of your kind
You've shattered, and my hapless heart
Is broken too, I find.
Beware, then, sweet Athenian girl,
For damages I'll sue,
And should I gain my precious suit,
The award I ask is—you!

*Gertrude Evans King.*

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MR. GRANGER: It seems to me that there is a cloud of business depression hanging over this country.

MR. NEUSTREET: Yes, and it has a silver lining.

"While there's Life there's Hope"

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THE recent proceedings at Buffalo illustrated, among other things, the propriety of that New York statute which empowers the Sheriff of a county to call out, on occasion, the local militia. In times like these, when lawlessness is epidemic among the labor-unions, it only takes a very few rounds of beer to turn a big strike into a riot. When the fuss begins the Sheriff is on the spot and knows the situation. What the strikers destroy his constituents must pay for, so it doesn't pay him to ruminate long on the power of the labor vote, or to ponder over considerations which have been known to cause expensive delays when the militia has had to await the Governor's nod.

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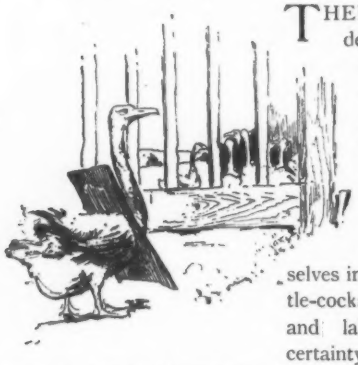

THERE has been a good deal in the annals of labor this summer to demonstrate the sagacity of the Scriptural tip about serving two masters. It has happened to many thousand "union-men" to find themselves in the position of shuttle-cocks between capitalists and labor-bosses, with the certainty of getting a fall which ever one missed his stroke. One would think that if a man did choose to have two masters he would take care to be one of them himself. But union-workmen don't seem to succeed in doing that. When they are told to strike, they strike. If they lose, it leaves them in a worse position than before with their employers. If they win it makes them more than ever subservient to their trade-bosses. So there seems to be two tails to the union-workman's penny. Nevertheless he keeps tossing it up, and crying, "Heads, I win!" as eagerly as ever.

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SIMPLER and more effectual methods of dealing with riotous strikers must presently obtain. In this State the use of Pinkertons is illegal. In all States the incompetence of an ordinary scratch posse to deal with a big strike has been demonstrated *ad nauseam*. Unless the lawless element among the labor-unions presently commends itself more to public sympathy than it does just now, we may expect to see the State militia respond to the alarm of a railroad strike with something of the alacrity that firemen show in answering an alarm of fire. And, of course, if the job gets too big for the militia, there must be regulars to tackle it, just as there are paid firemen in places where the service is too exacting for volunteers.

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NEVERTHELESS, inasmuch as evil is naturally a good deal noisier than good, it may be that labor-unions have helped workingmen more than the lay observer appreciates. Either that is the case, or organization and resulting vows are irresistibly entertaining, for labor organization, like all other sorts of co-operation, seems to be on the increase, and competent observers prophecy its continued spread. The remedy for the evils that attend it now is to be expected rather in the modification of its aims and methods than in its total collapse. Consequently, the truest friend to whatever is valuable in the organization of labor, is the man who stamps most effectually upon its lawlessness and tyranny. It won't succeed in the end unless it deserves to succeed, and one notoriously effectual way to make it deserve to succeed is to thump it hard where it deserves to be thumped.

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IT seems that there is a popular impression that the grip is always followed by cholera, and that that impression is justified in the experience of this year. And so we see once more the economy of Nature, which refuses to use good material for cholera purposes when damaged goods will do as well. Affidavits can be got in any number that when cholera stays its appetite with ex-grip patients it makes a cheap compromise with humanity.

ONE of the rewards of Chicago's successful bunco steering is the ownership of five million bright new half-dollar medals. With Chicago sagacity she appreciates that she has a corner in this product, and marks it up a hundred points for future delivery.

UNCLE SAM'S trouble with the labor question comes at a propitious time. Times are good, he has no other serious business at hand, and he can lend all his energies to finding a permanent solution for an ever vexatious problem.

POOR Labby! His being a *persona non grata* to the Queen has kept him out of the new ministry. But he has the supreme satisfaction of knowing that he is perfectly at liberty to reject all the Spring poetry Victoria R. may send to *Truth*.

OUR astronomers have been trying to get better acquainted with Mars. While that planet did not reject their advances, it is growing more distant every day.

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*The Official Register of American Yachting for 1892.* Boston: Estes and Lauriat.

*Actaeon.* By Laura Daintrey. New York: Hovendon and Company.

*Holiday Selections.* Compiled by Sara Sigourney Rice. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Company.

## MORE TIME THAN HE NEEDED.

PENNING CLARKLY: Yes, I leave the hotel this morning.

MISS LENOX: Isn't that rather sudden?

PENNING CLARKLY (*importantly*): Yes, very; I have been telegraphed for. And, now, I have only just time to kiss you good-by and catch the train.

MISS LENOX: Oh, if you're in such a hurry you can save some of that time, Mr. Clarkly.

## THE ELEVATOR BOY.

QUITE happy am I, as happy can be,
With one serious cause for frowns,
He's the man who says quite frequently,
"Your life is all ups and downs."
He laughs and chuckles in side-splitting glee,
That to me is terribly drear;
It's a good enough joke, but it's sprung on me
Three thousand times a year.

## IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

DOCTOR M.: What you want is more exercise, my little man. What do you do for a living?

PATIENT: I'm a messenger boy.

—*Humorous Paper.*

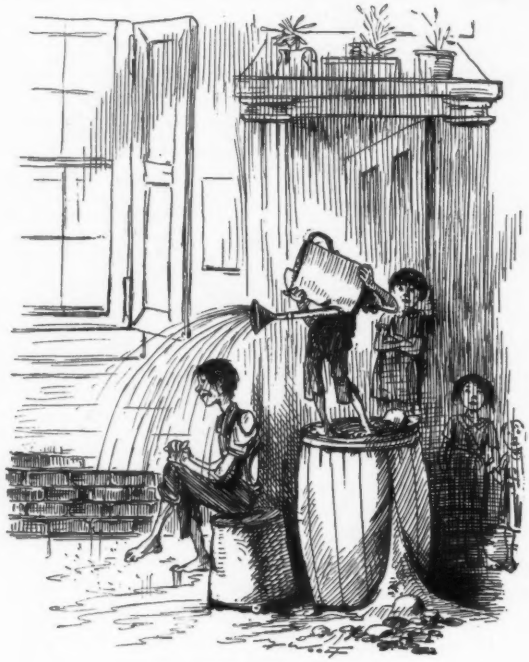
DOCTOR N. (*reading above*): Good joke on the messenger boy.

MESSENGER BOY (*reading same*): Good gag on der doctor.

(*Scene: breakfast-room in a suburban town. Daughter presiding over one of those silver receptacles warranted to make coffee on the table in five minutes.*)

PATER (*who has lost one train and has doubts about getting his coffee and the next train*): Look here, Clara, that thing's enough to try the patience of Job.

"Why do you say that, papa, it hasn't come to a boil yet."



## IN THE DOG DAYS.

*The Sprinkler*: HOW'S DAT, BILLY?
*Billy (with an ecstatic sigh)*: OH, DON'T TALK TER ME!

SHOCKING.

*Mrs. B.:* IN MY OPINION NO ONE CAN BE GOOD-LOOKING UNLESS WELL DRESSED.
*The Man:* AND YET VENUS WAS A SUCCESS.

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LET THE MEN WHO ARE UNIN BE KE

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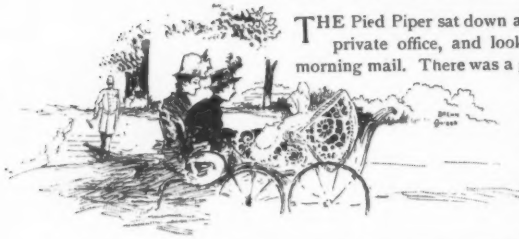
## THE PIPER'S NEW CONTRACTS.



THE Pied Piper sat down at the desk in his private office, and looked through his morning mail. There was a great deal of it, and every letter in the pile related in some way to the business he had established.

"The new business beats rat-catching in its best days!" said the Piper softly to himself. "That Hamelin procession gave me a reputation that pays big money in these times!"

He selected from the heap a few letters and turned the others over to his chief clerk.

He read the first of the selected letters. It was from a woman, and this is what she said:

"P. PIPER, ESQ.:—Please come without delay to No. 15 South 1700th Street. A nuisance exists there that must be removed—a family of seven children, and all vicious and riotous beyond measure. They are the kind of children that are never restrained by their parents, and make life a burden to everyone else. Bring your strongest and most effective pipes. Name your own terms if you succeed in getting them out of the way. Don't mistake the house—No. 15. There are seven children in No. 19, also; the house on the other side of mine; but they are not to be interfered with on any account, as they are well brought up and well-behaved. They are my grand-children."

He smiled grimly as he read the next letter. A man had written it, and the point of it was in this paragraph:

"Nuisance at No. 19 South 1700th Street. Seven children there of the worst stripe. Nobody in the block can have any peace on account of them. Come and clear them out. Charge what you like. Remember the number, 19. Call at No. 15 for your pay when the job's done. I live at 15. I have seven children of my own, but nobody complains of them."

"Certainly not!" said the Piper, with a grin.

He had opened the next letter. It came from the chief hotel at a very fashionable place of summer resort. It had not been sent by the proprietor of the hotel, but was signed by fifty of his guests.

"Come down by the first train," they wrote. "Bring your full orchestra, and come prepared to camp for a week if necessary. A very troublesome job here for you, but you must do it up so that it won't have to be done again. Anything for peace. The house is over-run with children of the very worst sort. They run the place. Have full possession of the halls, dining-room, parlors, dancing-floor and verandas. We must have relief, if we have to burn the house. Come by the first train. Don't send any substitute."

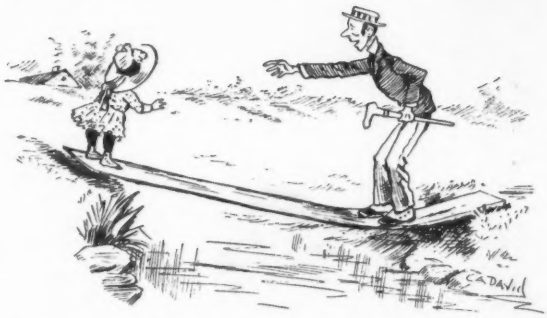
"I'll go!" said the Piper, with emphasis. "If there's one thing about this business that I thoroughly like, it's clearing out an average crowd of genuine hotel children. I know 'em. They're the sort that get all the chairs when the band plays, and the grown-ups have to sit about on their thumbs. What manners they have are bad manners, and they make more noise than a regiment of bag-pipers. They take all the private nooks for their absurd little flirtations, and all the public places for their screeching and their romping. The elders haven't a right the youngsters are bound to respect. They haven't a trace of the real, old-fashioned sweet child about them; the child that has respect for older people, that is seen and not heard, that speaks when it is spoken to and comes when it is called. Oh, yes, I'll go."

He opened another letter. This was from a man of literary pursuits, and the poor fellow was in a desperate state of mind. He wrote from an outlying district, on the edge of the city.

"I live in the end house of the row," he lamented. "A large vacant lot is just beyond. All the hoodlums in the ward play baseball there from morning till night, every day in the week. I have not a minute's peace for their screeching and yelling and swearing and rioting. I try to write, but all my manuscripts are sent back. And I don't wonder. No editor wants contributions from a crazy man, and if I am not crazy it is because I have a stronger brain than I ever got credit for. I can pay you only a very moderate price. If I were rich enough to pay a large figure for relief, I'd be rich enough to live somewhere else!"

"That man has the first call!" the Piper exclaimed, thumping his bell. "Bring me my pipes, and get a cab. The others can wait or make their escape somewhere else. But the man who lives next a vacant lot in baseball time appeals to the most sacred sympathies of the human heart."

*P. C. James.*



"DON'T BE AFRAID! I'LL HELP YOU ACROSS, MY LITTLE MAID."

"THANK YOU, KIND SIR," SHE SAID.

A FRIVOLOUS GIRL.

*The Rector:* I REALLY LOOK FORWARD WITH EAGERNESS TO THE LIFE TO COME.
*She:* SO DO I. AND WEDNESDAY WILL BRING IT!

ALL honor and praise to our National Guardsmen. Both in Pennsylvania and New York, they have shown themselves deserving of the highest commendation. To leave home and business at a moment's notice, to travel in the midst of summer in the greatest discomfort, to suffer the miseries of improvised camps among unhealthy surroundings, are indeed sacrifices in the cause of duty. And these have been cheerfully made, not with the inspiration of actual war, but for the questionable honor of being killed or maimed by men who think they are not getting enough pay.

"A CATCHY AD."

### IN GEORGIA.

FRIEND: I hear some Democrats broke up your meeting last night. Is that so?

REPUBLICAN: Yes, blame it. They cut a watermelon in front of our hall.

### SEASIDE JOYS.

HE: Many engagements here this summer?

SHE: Not so many new ones, but there are lots of renewals of last year.

### IN '45, WE THINK.

YES, Clarence, we have heard a pert "saleslady" alluded to as a "counter irritant."

### POKER TERMS.

"STRADDLING THE BLIND."

LIFE'S TICKET.

| For President, | For Vice-President, |
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| WARD McALLISTER, | ALBERT E. WETTIN, |
| *Of New York and Newport.* | *Of Wales.* |

THE reptile who thinks he edits the *Arizona Kicker* has revamped the old lie that our candidates have their washing done at home. This dastardly attempt to alienate the Chinese vote from our nominees we are able to meet with prompt denial and with the loathing such a vile slander deserves. On file in our office will be found several unpaid bills for laundry work and the affidavits of Chee Lung and Ah Sam that the work was done for the gentlemen in whose behalf we solicit the suffrages of fifteen or twenty millions of freemen.

THE head of our ticket has written an eloquent letter to the Buffalo strikers, ending with the stirring quotation from "Marco Bozzaris":

"Strike, brethren, strike with care.
Strike not the train with the passenjare.
Strike at a 'scab' wherever you dare—
Beer and frankfurters free!"

THERE is Victory in the Air! Defections from the old parties are increasing every day. Here is a sample letter.

536 VARICK ST., August 30.

*Dear Sir:* I have voted the Democratic and Republican tickets ever since 1842, but this year I vote for McAllister and Wettin. The old parties are rotten to the core. Although I have repeatedly been promised a position in the custom-house, neither party has ever given me one, and I am with you for "McAllister and Victory!"

Yours truly,

To the Editor of LIFE. O'BRIEN FLAHERTY.

WHEN our nominee for the Vice-Presidency was a lad, his father presented him with a bright new hatchet. Walking through the orchard a little later, Mr. Wettin, Sr., observed that someone had cut down his favorite cherry tree. Calling Albert to him, he said, "Albert, do you know who cut down the cherry tree?" Proudly and fearlessly the boy raised his head and replied, "Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did it with my little hatchet. I needed some chips."

THE Eleventh Ward Daughters of Rebecca will give a clam chowder to-morrow evening in the parlors of the St. Nicodemus African M. E. Church. The proceeds will be used towards the purchase of uniforms for the Helmeted Sons of Ham, an organization which shows much enthusiasm for the ticket.

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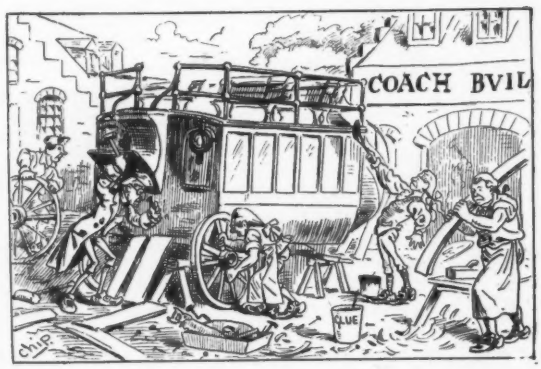
MISS SUMMIT: Mr. Jagway, I don't see how you have the effrontery to call on me. I saw you last night and you were in a disgraceful condition.

JAGWAY: I saw you also, Miss Summit, and I noticed that your hat wasn't on straight.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WEEK.

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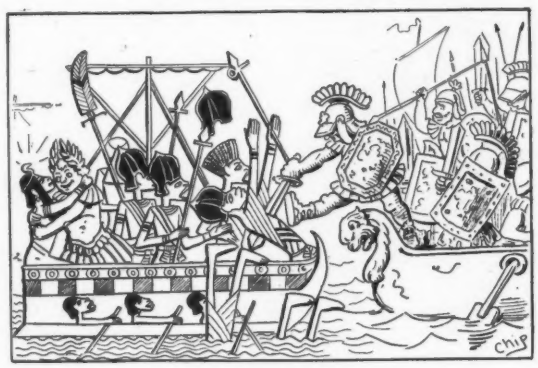


SEPTEMBER 2, 31 B. C.

MARC ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA DEFEATED BY OCTAVIUS CÆSAR AT THE BATTLE OF ACTIUM.

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1848.

QUEEN VICTORIA VISITS THE DUKE OF ORLEANS.

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"I SHOULD hate to have a mother-in-law always around," complained the youth, and then a gentle whisper fell upon his ear, "I'm an orphan."

## AVT SCISSORS AVT NVLLVS

### IT IS REMARKABLE.

WHEN one has physic'd long enough,
This cheering thought he hugs:
That man is made of toughish stuff,
To stand so many drugs. —*Exchange.*

SHE: That couple in front of us—do you think that they are married?
HE: Yes, I am sure they are. They have been married a long time, too.
SHE: Why, how do you know?
HE: Haven't you noticed that when a pretty girl comes on the stage she always hands the opera glasses over right away.—*Somerville Journal.*

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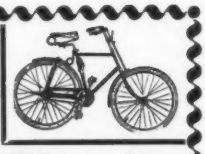

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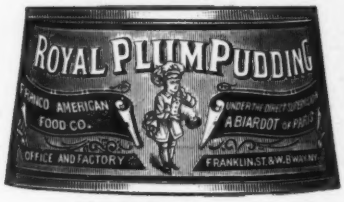


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